

Tony was truly a man of God and was always ready to share his faith. His incredible love for God, his family, his country, and his community was shown through his works. Tony was a man who was wise beyond his years; he was a man who had a contagious smile and could bring laughter on dreary days. He made an impact on his community that will not be forgotten.

Tony is survived by his mother, Darlene Kelton (Jerry); sister, Charlene Holt; brothers, Craig Coxey (Tonia), Michael Coxey (Ashley); grandmother, Louise Oliver; and several nieces and nephews.

HONORING THE 25TH SEASON OF  
THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Syracuse Crunch's 25th season playing in Syracuse. The Crunch compete in the American Hockey League, which is the top developmental league for the National Hockey League, and play their home games at the historic Oncenter War Memorial Arena on South State Street. Since relocating to Syracuse in 1994, the Crunch have served as the primary affiliate for five different National Hockey League franchises.

The Syracuse Crunch traces its franchise roots back to 1992, when they were originally the Hamilton Canucks based in Hamilton, Ontario. After two seasons in Hamilton, the Canucks were relocated to Syracuse and renamed the Crunch by a public vote. The Crunch were immediately popular in their new city and led the league in sellouts during two of their first four seasons in Syracuse. In addition, the team was successful upon relocation to Syracuse and reached the playoffs three consecutive years after failing to qualify in their inaugural season.

During the 2010s, the Crunch established themselves as an iconic American Hockey League franchise. The team won two conference championships during the 2012–2013 and 2016–2017 campaigns and reached the Calder Cup Finals. The Crunch fell short in both appearances, losing to the Grand Rapids Griffins on both occasions. Additionally, they participated in the league's first ever outdoor game at the Grandstand at the New York State Fairgrounds in 2010. The Crunch won the contest over the Binghamton Senators by a score of 2–1 and set a league record for single-game attendance with 21,508 spectators. Four years later, the Crunch rewrote the history books again when they played the Utica Comets at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. The attendance of 30,715 fans for their 2–1 win over Utica was the largest crowd for an indoor hockey game in the United States.

The Crunch have been the top affiliate of the Tampa Bay Lightning since 2012. They have developed several star players for the Lightning, including Andrei Vasilevskiy, Nikita Kucherov and Yanni Gourde. They also have developed geographic rivalries with several other upstate New York teams located in Rochester, Binghamton and Utica, which has contributed to the popularity of hockey in the region.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in celebrating the Syracuse Crunch's rich history in Central New York. The Crunch have long contributed to the identity of Syracuse and culture of hockey in the area. As a co-chair of the Congressional Hockey Caucus, I am grateful for their presence in Syracuse.

CELEBRATING HABERSHAM COUNTY'S  
BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th Anniversary of Habersham County, Georgia.

Habersham County rests in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, in the northeast corner of Georgia, and was established on December 15, 1818. The county is named for Colonel Joseph Habersham, who was an officer of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, President George Washington's Postmaster General, and a mayor of Savannah.

Habersham County's beauty extends from scenic Tallulah Gorge in the north, where The Flying Wallendas crossed on high wire, to serene Lake Russell in the south. People venture from far and wide to Habersham to enjoy the National Forest and the world class fly fishing on the Soque and Chattahoochee Rivers. It is a truly special place that I am blessed to represent.

The only thing that outshines Habersham County's beauty is its community. You can always feel the warmth and welcome of the people, whether it's having breakfast at the Crossroads Café, celebrating our Appalachian heritage at the Chattahoochee Mountain Fair, or watching the Raiders football win on a Friday night.

I celebrate Habersham County's two centuries of rich history and wish the citizens of Habersham County a joyful year ahead.

A HAPPY DOUBLE TEN DAY TO  
THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

**HON. STEVE KING**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday, October 10th is Taiwan's National Day—also known as Double Ten Day. I would like to take this opportunity now to offer my best wishes to the people of Taiwan.

As my colleagues are aware, Taiwan is a close friend, as well as security and trade partner of the United States. This year, I was happy to cosponsor and vote for H.R. 535, the Taiwan Travel Act. And I was even happier to see the bill pass the House, the Senate and be signed into law by President Trump on March 16, 2018. This important law expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Government should encourage visits between officials from the United States and Taiwan at all levels. Furthermore, it states it should be

U.S. policy to allow U.S. officials to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese counterparts; permit high-level Taiwanese officials to enter the U.S. to meet with U.S. officials; and encourages the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) to conduct business in the United States. Mr. Speaker, I could not agree more with this policy.

In my home state of Iowa, we are enthusiastic to build on our already strong trade ties. Just this past September, Taiwan renewed its pledge to purchase a total of up to 3.9 million metric tons of soybeans valued at up to \$1.56 billion in 2018 and 2019. Under the revised deal, the U.S. share of soybeans purchased by Taiwan will increase to between 80% and 90% of total Taiwanese purchases. It was also announced that the new agreement with Taiwan will result in 75% of Taiwan's total soybean purchases coming from Iowa.

As President Trump's Administration scans the globe looking for bilateral trade partners, Taiwan holds as much promise as ever for the U.S. Iowa and every state in the nation would benefit from the signing of a free trade agreement between Taiwan and the U.S., which would eliminate tariffs on most products and increase Taiwanese demand and Iowa exports. Though a small country with a population of 23.5 million, Taiwan has the potential to become a strong export market for Iowa and the U.S. Taiwan is a major importer of our nation's agriculture missions to the U.S. Other sectors such as Iowa's strong wind energy sector have potential for bilateral cooperation as well.

Mr. Speaker, again, I wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day. And I take this opportunity to once again echo the words of Barry Goldwater when he said, "I have great affection for the Chinese people, their culture, their skills, and their potential."

CONGRATULATING DR. JAMES P.  
ALLISON ON HIS 2018 NOBEL  
PRIZE IN PHYSIOLOGY OR MEDICINE

**HON. FILEMON VELA**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 12, 2018*

Mr. VELA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Dr. James P. Allison and his pioneering cancer research. Dr. Allison was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for developing a new effective alternative cancer treatment, which targets the immune system instead of individual tumors.

A native of Alice, in Texas' 34th Congressional District, Dr. Allison is a graduate of Alice High School. He earned both his B.S. (1969) and Ph.D. (1973) from the University of Texas at Austin. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship at the California-based Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation (1974–1977). Dr. Allison served as a faculty member at renowned institutions, including the University of Texas System Cancer Center (1977–1984), the University of California, Berkeley (1985–2004), and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York (2004–2012).

As a professor at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center since 2012, Dr. Allison is a leading expert both inside and outside of the classroom. His students look up to